

“The Cry of Sodom” – Genesis 18:20



“The LORD rained upon Sodom...fire from the LORD” Genesis 19:24¹

Introduction – “as it was in the days of Lot” Luke 17:28

The Lord said **“Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot;...But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all”** Luke 17:28-29.

He then said in Luke 17:30 that a return to ***“the days of Lot”*** would point to His Return.

“Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.”

References to God’s destruction of Sodom and ***“the days of Lot”*** are therefore found in the later New Testament letters that look towards the Lord’s Return in fiery judgement, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9, such as overtook Sodom. See the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 1629, 1641.

“And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrhah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)” 2 Peter 2:6-8.

“Even as Sodom and Gomorrhah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire” Jude 7.

The latest instigation of ***“the days of Lot”*** in this country came on March 15th 2012².

“The government has launched a 12-week consultation on allowing gay [i.e. sodomite] couples in England and Wales to marry.” The PM intends that sodomite marriage be legalised by by 2015, www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-19072023.

The PM’s intent shows that ***“according to the scriptures”*** 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4, the Lord’s Return is near. These are ***“the last days”*** of the ***“perilous times”*** 2 Timothy 3:1, www.jesus-is-savior.com/Basics/sodom.htm, *Europe and America are Becoming a Giant Sodom and Gomorrah!*

One aspect of ***“the days of Lot”*** is ***“the cry of Sodom”*** Genesis 18:20, and its relation to ***“the men of Sodom...wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly”*** Genesis 13:13.

“The Cry of Sodom” – the Biblical Witnesses

“And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know” Genesis 18:20-21.

Most pre-1611 Bibles support the reading **“cry of Sodom,”** the Coverdale, Great, Bishops’, Geneva Bibles. The Wycliffe Bible partially supports it with *“the cry of men of Sodom.”* Early post-1611 versions, Challoner’s Revision 1749-1752, 1885 RV, 1901 ASV support **“cry of Sodom.”**

The modern bibles change the reading. The RSV, NRSV, 1984 NIV, 2005 TNIV, 2011 NIV, NKJV, JB, NJB, NWT, CEV, NCV, NLT, ESV, HCSB have **“outcry against Sodom”** or similar and the NASV has **“outcry of Sodom.”** This is a change of meaning but, typically, *it is not for the better.*

“Outcry against Sodom” – What Outcry?

The change to **“outcry”** is wrong. See Jude 7 and Genesis 19:24-25.

Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.”

No outcry occurred against Sodom. **“God destroyed the cities of the plain”** Genesis 19:29 **“and all the inhabitants of the cities”** with the exception of Zoar at Lot’s request, Genesis 19:20-23, because they were all engaged in Sodom’s **“very grievous”** sin, apart from **“just Lot”** whom God delivered. In a city **“overthrown by the mouth of the wicked”** Proverbs 11:11, God will spare **“the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof”** Ezekiel 9:4-6 but God spared none of **“the men of Sodom.”** What, then, of the criers?

“The Cry of Sodom” – the Child Victims

The cry of a city in scripture is of its citizens and is of distress. **“...and the cry of the city went up to heaven”** 1 Samuel 5:12. See also Jeremiah 11:12, 14:2, 51:54 but note Genesis 19:4-5:

“But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.”

“...all the people” were guilty, whether they **“commit such things...worthy of death”** or **“have pleasure in them that do them”** Romans 1:32. *The only ones crying in distress were victims, child victims. Only they could have cried “unto me.”* That is why **“God destroyed the cities of the plain,”** for sodomy and paedophilia, mercifully delivering the victims by sudden death.

“Occupy till I come” Luke 19:13

Government strategy is **“...as it was in the days of Lot.”** *“They want the world to become like Sodom”³ and new versions conceal the danger to children even though psychiatrists confirm it⁴. “...2-4% of men attracted to adults prefer men...; in contrast...25-40% of men attracted to children prefer boys... Thus the rate of homosexual attraction is 6-20 times higher among pedophiles”*

Nevertheless, **“Occupy till I come”** Luke 19:13 **“And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ”** 2Thessalonians 3:5.

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